Proposal for Industrial Development of Bodoland Autonomous Council Area

390. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the proposals for Industrial Development of Bodoland Autonomous Council area in Assam taken at Second Seminar for Economic Development of BAC Area held at Udalguri on the 10 February, 2000; and

(b) what measures have been proposed by Government specially to develop the area industrially?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) The Central Government and the Government of Assam are totally committed to the socio-economic development of the Bodoland Autonomous Council (BAC) area. The second Seminar for economic development of the BAC area was jointly organized by the Central Government and the Government of Assam at Udalguri on 10.2.2000. Recommendations relating to industrial development and allied sectors made in the second BAC seminar are as follows:

i. Sanction of a project for setting up 1000 Bee keeping units in the BAC area.
ii. The upgradation of ITIs at Mazbat and Udalguri.
iii. Setting up of a Women Polytechnic in the BAC area.
iv. Preparation and sanction of Research & Development project for survey, market assessment, feasibility study and design development for product diversification for the development of Handloom industry in the BAC area by North-East Development Finance Corporation Ltd., (NEDFi).

(b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

Probe into the Death of U.P. Official

391. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the news report captioned "Senior UP Official's death to be probed" published in the Hindustan Times dated the 4th July, 2000;

(b) if so, whether the UP official who had an abnormal death on the 2nd May, 2000 was coming to Delhi in connection with proceeding of the Liberhan Commission enquiring into Babri Masjid demolition case;

(c) whether sensitive files relating to the enquiry have disappeared since as reported;

(d) if so, whether Government are initiating any high-level enquiry by an independent agency to probe this serious development; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Government of Uttar Pradesh has informed that relevant documents are available with them.

(d) and (e) Dose not arise.

Inclusion of More Regional Languages in the Eighth Schedule

392. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposal for inclusion of more regional languages in the Eighth Schedule to the Constitution;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of action taken/proposed to be taken thereon; and

(d) how soon the panel set up for the purpose is to submit its report?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) to (d) Over the last few years, the Government has received proposals/representations for inclusion of 32 languages in the Eighth Schedule to the Constitution of India. There is a proposal under consideration of the Government to constitute a High Powered Body for evolving criteria for inclusion of any or more languages in the Eighth Schedule to the Constitution of India.

Rejection of Autonomy Resolution of J&K Assembly by Union Cabinet

393. SHRI NARENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Cabinet has rejected the autonomy resolution passed by the Jammu and Kashmir Assembly, demanding pre-1953 status for the